

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SLOVAKIA PUBLIC RDI
Project Number:	2016-0940
Country:	Slovakia
Project Description:	The project concerns research and development (R&D) activities undertaken in mainly public universities and public scientific institutes during the period 2017-2019.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project includes salaries of R&D staff. The included R&D activities will be carried out within existing facilities, making use of existing installation. Such activities create intangible (new knowledge and scientific discoveries), which do not fall under the Directive 2011/92 as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Some of the laboratories included in the project handle toxic materials and toxic waste as part of their activities while others carry out experiments with living animals. The promoter has confirmed that they comply with all relevant legal provisions, notably Directives 2012/18/EU on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances and 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes, where applicable. The Health Authority is responsible for controlling the activities that fall under Directive 2012/18/EU whereas the competent authority enforcing the law and controlling compliance of the Directive 2010/63/EU is The State Veterinary and Food Administration (Štátna veterinárna a potravinová správa Slovenskej republiky).

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project concerns RDI activities not including any major construction works. The handling of dangerous substances is in line with relevant directives. The activities involving live animals for experimental and scientific purposes are a minor part of the project and comply according to the Promoter with the Directive 2010/63/EU. As a result no significant impact is expected on the environment. The funded activities are expected to bring about positive environmental and societal outcomes in a number of research fields. The R&D activities may lead to new technologies, methodologies and products with improved environmental characteristics. Therefore the project is acceptable for the Bank's financing.